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Title of Application:	Method and Device for Short-Term Thermal-Treatment of Flat Objects
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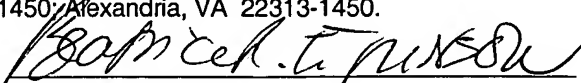
Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the Official Action of August 9, 2005, Applicant herewith presents its amendment and remarks. Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with the filing of this Response. However, if any fee is due please charge Deposit Account No. 19-4516.

Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I, Claim 1 and amended Claims 3 – 12 drawn to a method of thermal treatment for prosecution in this case. The remaining claims are reserved for filing in a future application.

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